

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: CATHODE RAY TUBE (CRT)
ANTITRUST LITIGATION

) MDL No. 1917

) Case No. C-07-5944-SC

) ORDER ON DISCOVERY DISPUTES

This Order Relates To:

ALL CASES

The Court has read and considered the parties' letters regarding the need for a discovery master in this case. See ECF Nos. 1954, 1967, 1968, 2013. The Court proposes that the Honorable Vaughn Walker, United States District Judge (Retired), serve in that capacity. The parties shall file letters of support or opposition to this decision within seven (7) days of this Order's signature date. Any party objecting to this appointment shall propose an alternative discovery magistrate. To minimize duplicative filings and to encourage efficient resolution of the parties' disputes, the parties are encouraged to meet and confer on this matter, and to file joint letters. After these letters are

1 submitted, the Court will consider the parties' positions and issue
2 an order regarding discovery in this case.

3 As to the direct purchaser plaintiffs' ("DPPs") dispute with
4 Samsung SDI America, Inc. ("SDIA") over SDIA's pending motion to
5 compel, ECF No. 1908, the Court notes that it informed the parties
6 at its September 13, 2013 hearing that discovery motions were to be
7 filed before the Court. SDIA argues that its motion is properly
8 before the Court despite having been filed as a letter brief before
9 the now-discharged Special Master. ECF No. 2020. The DPPs contend
10 that SDIA should have re-filed its motion to compel, and also that
11 the motion is not ripe given that the DPPs have issued supplemental
12 responses to SDIA's discovery requests. ECF No. 2025.

13 The DPPs are right. SDIA's motion is not properly before the
14 Court. If SDIA still contends that its motion is warranted, it
15 should re-file and re-notice the motion pursuant to the Local
16 Rules. However, the DPPs and SDIA -- along with all other parties
17 to this case -- are strongly encouraged to resolve their disputes
18 on their own.

19 The Court makes no other findings as to the parties' discovery
20 disputes at this time.

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22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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24 Dated: November 1, 2013

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26 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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